# Looking to God #IThink vs. #GodKnows

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"To know & Do God's Will you must deny self and return to a God-centered life"

#### John 12:2325 (AMP)

- 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified and exalted."
- 24 I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone[just one grain, never more]. But if it dies, it produces much grain *and* yields a harvest.
- 25 The one who loves his life [eventually] loses it[through death], but the one who hates his life in this world [and is concerned with pleasing God] will keep it for life eternal.

## What is the difference between self -centered and God-centered living?

#### Self-Centered Life

- IS focused on self
- Is proud of self and self's accomplishpments
- Is self-confident
- Depends on self and abilities
- Affirms self
- Seeks to be acceptable to the world and its ways
- Looks at circumstances in the flesh
- Chooses selfish and ordinary living

God placed adam and eve in a beautiful, bountiful garden. He told them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Eve saw that the fruit was pleasing to the eye and desirable for gaining wisdom so she ate it. (Gen.2:1617;3;17)

#### **God-Centered Life**

- Focuses on God and his Activity
- Is humble before god
- Places confidence in God
- Depends on God & his Ability and provision
- Denies self
- Seeks 1st the kingdom of God and his righteousness
- Seeks God's perspective in every circumstance
- Chooses holy and Godly living

King Asa and Judah was facing zerah the cushite's army in battle. He prayed, "Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. Oh Lord, you are our God; do not let me prevail against you" (Chron. 14:11)

## God's Purposes, Not our plans

- Seek to view God's perspective rather than your own flesh outlook.

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- What was God about to do when he came to Gideon?

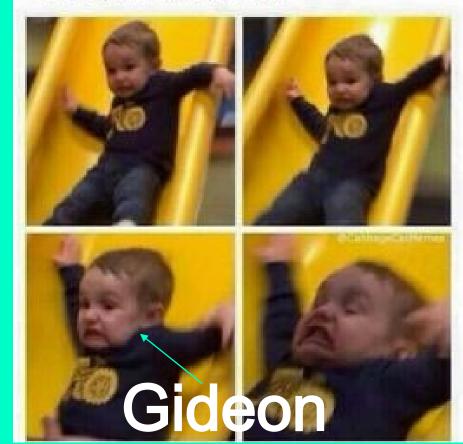
(See Judges 6:116 Cev)

#HeWill reveal the why

- Are we sometimes in misbelief like Giedon when God calls us to do something?
- Especially when we're in the midst of a unpleasant, uncomfortable, confusing, situation that we can't seem to understand?

#DivineReason&Purpose is attached to your situation

When you know it's God plan but you still scared.



### Focus on God This week:

- 1). What have you come to know about God, his purposes, or his ways?
- 2). What do you sense God wants you to do in response to this knowledge of him? (in your situation)

  Ask him
- 3). Remember a past situation you were in and how he accomplished his purpose through you.

We're <u>all</u>in a season of: #Training #Lessons #Positioning #Molding #Test

But i promise it's only for our good (:

### Some "living truth" reminders:

Jesus: What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later

- John 13:7

When you cross deep rivers, I will be with you, and you wont drown, when you walk throuh the fire, you wont be burned or scorched by the flames

- Isaiah 43:2

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged for the lord your god will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9